| Year | Quantity imported in Tonnes |
|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 2,08,000 |
| 2007-08 | 1,40,000 |
| 2008-09 | 2,58,000 (upto November, 08) |

(c) To overcome this recurring problem, NALCO has applied for increase in its coal linkage. Separately, the Company is trying to meet its requirement by procuring coal from e-auction and through import.

(d) NALCO has informed that they had sold 1948 tonnes of alumina to Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in the months of September and October, 2008.

**Hoda Committee recommendations on Mineral Policy**

2241. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the recommendations of the Hoda Committee on Mineral Policy, which submitted its report in 2005 have been accepted;

(b) if not, which recommendations have been accepted fully, which ones accepted in modified form and which were rejected;

(c) whether Government has received some more suggestions from the Steel Industry after release of the National Mineral Policy (NMP);

(d) if so, the details in this regard and whether Government would consider their suggestions; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) While the Government has accepted most of the recommendations of the Hoda Committee, recommendations pertaining to discontinuing reservation of area for Public Sector Undertakings and deletion of certain provisions in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, and Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 giving State Governments discretionary powers to give preference to a later applicant, pre-empt the mineral produce from any mine and reduce or exclude an area while renewing mining leases, has not been accepted. The recommendation of Hoda Committee to grant reconnaissance permits, large area prospecting concessions or prospecting licences; auction of Government explored areas in grant of mineral concessions; setting up of Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee; and setting up of an independent dispute settlement mechanism have been modified.

(c) to (e) Suggestion are received from time to time from all stake holders including different sections of the Steel Industry, in relation to matter such as exports of iron ore, value addition, captive mining etc. Government has been giving due consideration to these suggestions within the ambit of declared policy in that regard.